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HAVE YOU
BOUGHT
LIBERTY BONDS?

THREE PICKED GERMAN DIVISIONS SUCCEED IN CARRYING HIGH GROUND

British Line Retired—Bailleul Falls Into Enemy's Possession—Fierce and Bitter Struggle Ends With Foe Occupying Mount De Lille and Revetsburg.

Fresh Drive Developing Around Much Disputed Wytschaete—British Repulse Attack Southwest Vieux Berquin Made Under Heavy Artillery and Trench Mortar Fire.

London, April 16.—The Germans have captured Bailleul on the northern battle front, the war office announces. The British have fallen back to new positions north of Bailleul and Wulverghem. Fresh German attacks are developing in the neighborhood of Wytschaete. A German attack southwest of Vieux Berquin was repulsed.

The statement reads:

"Yesterday evening preceded by an intense bombardment, the enemy launched very heavy attacks against our positions between Bailleul and Neuve Eglise. The assault was delivered by three picked German divisions which had not been previously engaged in the battle and it succeeded, after a fierce and bitter struggle, in carrying the high ground southeast and east of Bailleul known as Mount de Lille and Revetsburg. Our troops on this front have fallen back to new positions to the north of Bailleul and Wulverghem. Bailleul has fallen into the enemy's hands. This morning fresh German attacks are developing in the neighborhood of Wytschaete.

"Early this morning the enemy also attacked southwest of Vieux Berquin under heavy artillery and trench mortar fire, but was repulsed. A number of prisoners were taken by us during the night in a successful minor enterprise southeast of Bobegn.

"On the remainder of the British front there was nothing of special interest to report."

WORE COAT OF TAR AND FEATHERS

Wealthy Planter Wouldn't Buy More Bonds and Citizens Acted.

Vicksburg, Miss., April 16.—William A. Hunter, aged 58, owner of a large plantation near Newellton, La., and reputed to be wealthy, arrived here on a train this afternoon wearing a coat of tar and feathers, which he said had been applied by a number of citizens of Vicksburg, Miss., in which Newellton is situated. He said he had been accused by Vicksburg citizens of refusing to buy liberty bonds. Hunter also wore a placard bearing the words: "Disloyal to the United States," which he said had been placed on him by the mob.

Hunter told the United States marshal that he had purchased \$5,000 worth of the second liberty bonds while at his old home in Williamsport, Ind.

LEGION OF TOWNS EXCEEDS QUOTA

Liberty Loan Subscriptions Reported to U. S. Treasury Total \$806,465,250 in Day.

Washington, April 16.—Liberty loan subscriptions amounting to \$806,465,250 were reported today to the treasury from eleven of the twelve federal reserve districts. This is \$14,853,450 more than was reported last night and includes most of Monday's subscriptions. No report has come from the Minneapolis district, where the selling campaign started yesterday.

Reports from local committees continue to tell of the receipt of a large number of subscriptions from persons of small means and of the withholding of the bigger subscriptions by banks until later in the campaign. The number of small towns which have exceeded their quotas is now so great the treasury has given up efforts to keep a complete roll.

The Kansas city district reports that honor flags have been won by thirty-three counties and 147 towns and that many communities are now asking for honor flag stars indicating the doubling of their allotment.

Iowa reports its quota 38 per cent. oversubscribed.

In Chicago a holiday has been declared in most industries and commercial houses for Saturday, when a big liberty loan parade will be held.

Oglethorpe Prisoners Must "Earn Their Keep"

Washington, April 16.—The war department has decided to make the German prisoners of war now held in this country earn their keep. Orders were sent today to the army officers commanding the enemy prison camps at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., authorizing them to utilize the labor of the 1,370 inmates in completing a new system of roads about the posts.

In an interview Tuesday commandant of the German prison barracks at Fort Oglethorpe stated that up to the present time no orders of the above nature had been received.

GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR BROUGHT TO U. S.

Crew of U-58, Sunk by American Destroyer, to Be Sent to Atlanta.

An Atlantic Port, April 16.—The first German prisoners of war to arrive in the United States, formerly members of the crew of the submarine U-58, which was sunk by an American destroyer, arrived here today on the same vessel on which Secretary Baker made his return trip from Europe.

The number of prisoners was not given officially, but it is believed there were about twenty. They will be interned at Fort McPherson, Ga.

BANDITS ROB BANK DURING ELECTRICAL STORM

Daring Deed of Bold Robbers. Shoot Up Town and Get Away With Small Booty.

Brinkley, Ark., April 16.—Six masked men rode into Brinkley early today at the height of an electrical and windstorm, blew open the vault of the Monroe County bank, held up and robbed several citizens and, after exchanging shots with a sheriff's posse, escaped with \$350 in booty. Only \$150 was secured from the bank, the robbers failing in their efforts to open the inner door of the vault.

H. J. Nelson, a traveling salesman of Circleville, Kan., was shot and slightly wounded by one of the men when he refused to hand over his money. Poses are in pursuit of the bandits.

CZECHS' DEMONSTRATION DECLARED FORMIDABLE

Long Live Wilson! Long Live Entente! Down With Czernin Shouted by Thousands.

Washington, April 16.—Further details regarding the demonstration at Prague during which the Czechs cheered for the entente and President Wilson were received here in an official cable from Switzerland today. The dispatch states that, according to the Austrian papers, the manifestation was formidable. All the Czech deputies were present as well as many of the notable persons of Bohemia. The Slav districts sent twenty-five delegates and the president of the Polish club wrote a letter expressing Polish sympathy. The dispatch continues:

"The Lokai Anzeiger, of Berlin, reports that many thousands of manifestants assembled in front of the city hall and shouted 'Down with Czernin. Long live the entente! Long live Wilson!' and that the leaders of the Czech party were carried in triumph by the crowd, who hurled threats and insults at the Germans. When the meeting was announced as over the manifestants scattered singing anti-German songs."

Press of Vienna United In Praise of Czernin

Amsterdam, April 16.—The entire press of Vienna, a dispatch from that city reports, is joining in a chorus of praise of Count Czernin. The newspapers refer to the fact that he has concluded peace with Russia and is preparing to do so with Rumania. The opinion is generally expressed that the count's policy is wise and that the Fremdenblatt says Count Czernin has enhanced his prestige throughout the world in a remarkable manner. The Reich Post remarks that his only possible successor is some very strong man. The Wiener Tagblatt insists there must be no deviation from the count's foreign policy, adding it is self-evident that his successors must enjoy the confidence of Berlin to the same degree as he does.

TODAY'S WAR SITUATION.



FINGER ON OIL WELLS.

Rumanian Peace Treaty Gives Germany Lease of Ninety-Nine Years.

Amsterdam, April 16.—In connection with the provision of the Rumanian peace treaty giving Germany a lease of ninety-nine years on the Rumanian oil wells, the Berlin Tages Zeitung reports, Germany has reserved the right of military occupation of the oil-producing territory for several years.

TRAINS LOADED WITH WOUNDED

Twenty-five of Them Pass Each Night Through Aix-La-Chapelle on Way to Germany.

Washington, April 16.—The heavy price the Germans are paying for their advance on the western front was told in dispatches to the state department today, saying that twenty-five trains loaded with wounded are passing through Aix-la-Chapelle every night.

LANDING OF TROOPS NOT PART OF PLAN

Jap-British Force at Vladivostok Not There by Pursuance of International Agreement.

Washington, April 16.—In giving out today the text of a statement made at Vologda by Ambassador Francis the state department made it clear that the landing of Japanese and British forces at Vladivostok was not in pursuance of any international agreement, but merely was for the purpose of protecting Japanese and British interests.

The ambassador's statement, which was issued on April 15, said that no Japanese or British troops had been landed. It was given out by the state department in denial of reports that Mr. Francis had declared the incident was due to an agreement.

One Killed and One Injured in Air Accident

Long Beach, Cal., April 16.—Lawrence Reel was killed and Gridsel Christofferson was injured seriously today when an airplane in which they were flying fell into the ocean.

Christofferson, a brother of Silas Christofferson, who was killed in an airplane accident about a year ago, conducted a flying school. Reel was a pupil.

Austrian Offensive In Italy Imminent

Washington, April 16.—Further developments against Italy is imminent and will be started on a large scale, in the opinion of Italian observers, as expressed in official messages today to the Italian embassy here. The recent visit of Emperor Charles to the Austrian front and inspired articles in the Austrian and German newspapers, the usual forerunners of an offensive are taken as an indication.

SCHWAB HEADS SHIP BUILDING CORPORATION

Big Steel Man Given Free Hand On Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Washington, April 16.—Charles M. Schwab today became director-general of the emergency fleet corporation and will assume entire control and direction of the construction of the government's ship-building program.

At the suggestion of General Manager Charles Pies, the office of general manager of the corporation was abolished and Mr. Pies will remain vice-president of the shipping board. Announcement of Mr. Schwab's acceptance of the position followed a conference at the White House which was attended by Mr. Schwab, Mr. Pies, chairman Hurley and Bainbridge Colby, of the shipping board. Except for the new position of the director-general which absorbs the position of general manager, the organization of the shipping board and the emergency fleet corporation remains unchanged.

AGED MAN VOLUNTEERS SERVICES TO NATION

His Son Lost on Cyclops and He Wants to Take His Son's Place.

Birmingham, Ala., April 16.—"My name is J. P. Beggs, and the father of the boy lost on the Cyclops. I also want to do something for my country," said an elderly, heavy set man, wearing a military uniform, who was in the office of one of the local draft boards here this morning. It developed that he was a skilled mechanic.

"Any special work you would like to engage in?" he was asked. "Anything at all," came the answer. "Anything that will help this country win the war. Anything to show these slackers their duty. Send me anywhere."

Mr. Beggs will go to a shipbuilding yard.

Sabotage Bill Ready for President's Signature

Washington, April 16.—The Sabotage bill, carrying penalties of thirty years' imprisonment and fines of \$10,000 for injuring war materials or interfering with war industry, was made ready for the president's signature late today when the senate accepted a conference report eliminating provisions which would punish strikers on war contracts.

ABANDONED SCHOONER REPORTED ON FIRE

Mobile, Ala., April 16.—The abandoned schooner Springfield, of Mobile, last seen 120 miles south of Pensacola Fla., is reported to be on fire. The Springfield was bound from Gulfport, Miss., to San Juan, P. R., with lumber and was caught in a gale on Tuesday, April 9, and left by her crew in a waterlogged condition. Capt. E. C. Hunter, master of the vessel, left here Sunday to search for the missing schooner with the tugboat Nimrod and he has not returned yet.

Navy Refuses to Despair Of Finding Lost Ship

Washington, April 16.—Although no word had come today as to the fate of the naval collier Cyclops, missing since March 14, the navy department refuses to give up all hope of her safety and will continue its search for some clue to solve her mysterious disappearance.

Navy officials themselves hold different opinions as to what has become of the ship. Some believe she was sunk by a bomb placed before her departure from a South American port, others are of the opinion she was sunk in a sudden squall, while still others are inclined to believe she was captured by a German raider.

BRITISH SET UP POSTOFFICE IN JERUSALEM; BUSINESS GOOD

London, March 16.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Sergeant Frank Smith, of the royal engineers, the first British postmaster of Jerusalem, writing to a friend here, says:

"There are 49,999 inhabitants left in Jerusalem, and they were all glad to see us. The poverty is appalling, but business is picking up now, and the postoffice is doing a thriving business."

NEW POLITICAL PARTY, "THE GERMAN WORKMEN," IN BERLIN

Amsterdam, March 18.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Berlin newspapers announce the formation of a new political party called "The German Workmen's and Empire" party. Its aims are said to be similar to those of the fatherland pro-militarist party.

SOLDIER IN ANCIENT ARMOR HANDLES ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN

London, March 16.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—During one of the recent air raids, the largest anti-aircraft gun in the London district was worked by a gunlayer armed cap-a-pie in medieval plate armor. A blacksmith worked clad in chain mail, and a light-weight attired in silk tights and a velvet coat.

The reason for this motley attire was that the air means while the gun crew were taking part in some amateur theatricals in their "tracks" and they rushed off to their duties on the gun platform.

THREE VICTIMS IN PARIS FROM LONG RANGE GUN

Paris, April 16.—Shells from the long range German gun killed one woman and wounded one woman and one man in the Paris district last night, according to an official statement issued today.

ARTILLERY DUEL GOES ON HEAVILY

Main Battle Front in Montdidier Neighborhood Scene of Bitter Fighting.

SCOUTING PARTIES ACTIVE

French Detachment Crosses Oise Canal, in Noyon Sector, Taking Prisoners.

Paris, April 16.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night on the main battle front in the neighborhood of Montdidier, the war office announces. The French captured a machine gun and prisoners near the Oise canal.

The statement follows:

"In the region south of Montdidier there was heavy artillery fighting. In the sector of Noyon, the French made some progress in a local operation. French reconnoitering parties were very active, especially in the region of the Oise canal. A French detachment crossed the canal west of Pierre-mande and brought back ten prisoners and one machine gun. French patrols also took prisoners in the sector of Corbeny in the Champagne near Zelcheprey and in the Vosges. A German raid at Teton was repulsed. Everywhere else the night was calm."

GERMANY HARD- PRESSED FOR MEN

New York, April 16.—Germany is so hard pressed for men power that permanently disabled soldiers are retained in the army and cripples are called to the colors. This statement was made in the reichstag by Deputy Rysell, an independent socialist, on Feb. 23, according to the Berlin Vorwaerts, a copy of which has been received here.

Other deputies also laid bare sensational conditions prevailing in the German army.

The disclosures were made in a debate which was precipitated by a motion introduced by Deputies Mueller-Meiningen, people's party; Fehrenbach, centrist party; Dr. Stresemann, national liberal; and Stuecklen, socialist, requesting the chancellor to see to it that the classes of 1918 and 1919 be discharged from the army as soon as possible and that the men of the landsturm who have been in active service since the beginning of the war and who have been on year in the front line trenches be permanently transferred to the home reserves. Deputy Rysell said it was explained that the men in question could not be withdrawn because they could not be replaced.

Treated Like Dogs.

"The soldiers in general complain of insufficient and bad food. What becomes of the food articles which are supplied the army? The noncommissioned officers employed in the canteens continually take food home. In such manner some individuals enrich themselves by taking what belongs to the soldiers. Many officers eat as much as they like while the soldiers receive but meat. There are now troops who have been named 'hunger companies.'"

"In many instances a furlough may be bought. It is granted to persons who have subscribed to the war loan. Those undesirable politically receive no furlough. Soldiers belonging to the socialist party are treated like dogs."

Deputy Stuecklen said there was general and severe criticism of the fact that soldiers 48 years of age are still in the trenches. He said the furlough situation was chaotic and that much favoritism was being shown.

Had to Guard Cabbages.

Soldiers at home were often employed to perform "the most ridiculous duties," declared Deputy Schodopin, socialist. One infantryman and four artillerymen, he said, were employed in Weinmunde to guard the cabbages of the major in command.

Gen. Scheuch, representing the war department, said no one was being drafted because of political affiliations. This caused laughter among the socialists, and the general added:

"But we draft persons proven to be propagandists or instigators."

The motion under discussion was adopted by the reichstag.

Two British Missions Reach Canadian Port

A Canadian Atlantic Port, April 16.—Two British missions to the United States arrived here today and will proceed soon to New York.

BRITISH DESTROY TEN OF ENEMY'S SEA-GOING CRAFT

German Trawlers Sunk in Cattegat by Fire From English Guns.

ALL CREWS RESCUED

By British, Who Suffered No Casualties.

Operations in Baltic Waters Credited to Commander-in-Chief of Grand Fleet.

London, April 16.—Ten German trawlers have been sunk by gunfire in the Cattegat (between Sweden and Denmark) the admiralty announces. Their crews were saved by British ships. There were no British casualties.

The operations in the Cattegat, the statement says, were undertaken by the commander-in-chief of the grand fleet.

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TEUTONS TRYING FOR HAZEBROUCK

Railway Center West of Bailleul Objective of More Fighting in That Sector.

With the British Army in France, April 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Bailleul, eight and a half miles east of Hazebrouck, in Flanders, was captured and occupied by the Germans last evening when the enemy also seized La Revetsburg ridge, east of the town. As a result the British pulled their lines back northward somewhat to positions running east and west a little above Bailleul and La Revetsburg.

Fighting is continuing in this sector, with the Germans trying to push westward toward the railway center of Hazebrouck. The loss of Bailleul was not unexpected, for its strategic value could not compensate for the lives it would cost to retain it in the face of the terrible onslaughts the Germans would be able to bring to bear against it.

Last night's attack was preceded by a very heavy bombardment from German guns of all calibers. After this intense preparation the enemy flung into the line the Alpine corps, the 117th German division, and the 110th Bavarian division and bore down on the defending positions along the front from Mont de Lille—high ground just southeast of Bailleul—to Crucifix Corner, an elevation on the Bailleul-Neuve Eglise highway about 2,000 yards west of the latter place.

Retired in Unbroken Line.

Desperate fighting ensued, but the battle-weary defenders, despite their gallant resistance, were unable to withstand the shock from overwhelming numbers of fresh troops. Slowly the British line fell back, but unbroken and in good order until they reached their present positions, where they held.

About the time the Germans surged forward against Bailleul they also attempted to advance by two attacks southwest of Bailleul, just opposite the northeast corner of the forest of Nieppe. One attack was driven back by a preliminary fire before the attacking infantry came to close quarters, but the other materialized.

The Germans hurled themselves against the British furiously, but without success, for the line held and the attacking troops were forced to fall back. The attack in the Bailleul sector had been boiling all day and had been expected to break at any moment. The Germans continued to pour northwestward along the roads leading to Hazebrouck, and again the British flying corps did great work. The intrepid flyers kept up an unceasing machine gun and bombing warfare against the enemy transport and troops, flying at a very low altitude.

NEW YORK COMMISSION GOES TO PALESTINE

Washington, April 16.—A commission of about fifty members, headed by Jno. H. Finley, commissioner of education New York, has been sent to Palestine. It was announced today at Red Cross headquarters, to study the needs of the people of the Holy Land and assist in their relief.

NEGRO SUFFOCATED WHEN RICHMOND HOUSE BURNS

Richmond, Va., April 16.—A negro, William Crockett, was suffocated to death and several others overcome by smoke here today during a fire which damaged the business house of T. W. Wood & Sons and threatened other property in the vicinity of the old passenger station of the Southern Railway. The flames were extinguished after damage, amounting to several thousand dollars, had been done.